



**City of Cortez**  
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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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April 11, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The flooding within Montezuma County stimulated an opportunity to review and accomplish an update of the emergency operations plan which is now in progress. We are also currently working on an interagency memorandum of understanding (MOU) for mutual aid purposes with Montezuma County and the other municipalities.
- The SW Water Conservation District conference was attended by five (5) individuals from the City of Cortez on Friday, March 31, 2023 in Ignacio, CO. This was an informative all-day event that addressed many water topics relevant to Cortez; seeking common ground along the Colorado river, west slope-east slope lower and upper basins food and water connections, statewide and regional environmental issues, and the role of communications in a water crisis. The SW Water Conservation District was created by the Colorado General Assembly in 1941 to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and Dolores River Basins for the welfare of all the inhabitants.
- The Senior Staff retreat was a success. The City Council retreat is scheduled for April 29, 2023.
- A meeting has been scheduled with the local marijuana retailers on April 17, 2023 at 3 p.m. at City Hall to discuss decreasing revenues within the industry and other concerns they may have.
- A meeting was held with CDOT regarding South Broadway. Local data and input were provided to CDOT, however, a traffic engineering study must first be completed before more can be done. CDOT will address Council in May.
- Two (2) arrest have been made regarding graffiti at the old Walmart building at Cortez Plaza. It was not the infamous "Woody."